



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 35-GA-20

“Designating the Council of State of Governments West as a sister organization of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to facilitate a better and more engaged working partnership between the Council and APIL member entities.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the Council of State Governments West (CSG West) is a nonpartisan,
2 nonprofit organization created to serve western legislatures through regional cooperation and
3 advocacy with its objectives being to encourage, promote and pursue a regional vision and
4 regional issues that cross state and international borders and to build on common western
5 interests; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the CSG West Rules that were updated and adopted on August 13, 2014,
7 state in Article I, Section 3, titled CSG West Member Jurisdictions that, “Membership of CSG
8 West consists of all the members of the legislatures and legislative staff of the States of Alaska,
9 Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah,
10 Washington, Wyoming, the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, and the
11 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Member Jurisdictions)”; and

12 **WHEREAS**, CSG West Rules, updated and adopted on August 13, 2014, further states
13 in Article I, Section 4, titled CSG West Associate Member Jurisdictions, that “CSG West
14 Associate Member Jurisdictions (Associate Member Jurisdictions) will consist of all the
15 members of the legislatures and legislative staff of the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British
16 Columbia and the Yukon Territory and Northwest Territory, which may apply for membership
17 and be accepted by action of the CSG West Executive Committee, pursuant to the associate
18 membership terms and conditions imposed by the CSG West Executive Committee. In addition,
19 upon approval of the CSG West Committee described in Article III (Executive Committee), the

members of legislatures and legislative staff of sub-national state, provincial or territorial legislatures in other countries are entitled to voting privileges as provided herein,”; and

WHEREAS, Association of Pacific Island Legislatures which was formed in 1981, is comprised of legislative representatives from twelve island governments, including American Samoa, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Island of Guam, FSM State of Chuuk, FSM State of Kosrae, FSM State of Pohnpei, FSM State of Yap, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, State of Hawaii, Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Kiribati; and

WHEREAS, CSG West Officers have directed outreach to Pacific Island Governments; and

WHEREAS, CSG West offers high caliber professional development programs and opportunities which strengthen legislative institutions by assisting legislators to become more effective leaders; and

WHEREAS, Martha Castañeda, CSG West’s Director of Policy & International Programs, graciously attended the APIL’s 35th General Assembly on the Island of Guam and addressed the General Assembly membership, comprised of eleven of the twelve island entities on June 3, 2016 to inform the members of CSG West’s interest in strengthening the ties between CSG West and the APIL member entities; and

WHEREAS, CSG West has a long history in the Pacific dating back to May 1988 which the Guam Legislature commemorated with a Resolution No. 353, entitled, “Relative to commending Alaska State Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp, Chairperson of the Western Legislative Conference’s Executive Committee, for her support of the needs and concerns of Guam and of the other Pacific island nations and territories”; and

WHEREAS, CSG West holds annual meetings that are known for their enlightened discussions of policy issues, dynamic speakers, and having nearly 600 attendees; and

WHEREAS, CSG West annual meetings have been sporadically attended by the APIL’s members due to various reasons including the high costs of air fare and other logistical obstacles; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures wishes to reaffirm and build upon the relationship that was started in May of 1988; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 35th General

1 Assembly, Island of Guam, June 1-3, 2016, does hereby, designate the Council of State of
2 Governments West as a sister organization of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures for
3 the purposes of facilitating a better and more engaged working partnership; and

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL hereby extends to CSG West an open
5 invitation to attend all future General Assemblies; and

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President certify and the APIL Secretary
7 attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Council
8 of State Governments West, Edgar Ruiz, Executive Director and Martha Castañeda, Director,
9 Policy & International Programs of the Council of State Governments West; and to the Chief
10 Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member jurisdiction of the Association of
11 Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2016.



KENNETH A. KEDI
PRESIDENT



FERNANDO SCALIEM
SECRETARY

